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Ireland intervention on Romania

Thank you Mr President

Ireland thanks the delegation of Romania for its comprehensive presentation this morning. Ireland commends the clear endeavours made by Romania in seeking to strengthen the protection and promotion of human rights since its first UPR.

The reports before us portray achievements but also real and continuing challenges of implementation: on preventing stigmatisation of children with disabilities; on prevention of economic exploitation of children; on the rights of the Roma including combating patterns of discrimination in hospitals, schools, housing, including reports of some forced evictions.

Ireland notes that structures to meet these critical challenges are now often in place but, clearly, implementation and determination remain key.

Ireland recommends that Romania facilitate the greater integration and participation in society of people with disabilities and, in particular, implement a more expansive sheltered housing strategy with measureable targets that will achieve a substantial reduction in the number of people with disabilities currently in institutional care.

Ireland also recommends that Romania implement an expanded social and voluntary housing programme for Roma families. In this regard, Ireland encourages enhanced collaboration with civil society and full participation of all relevant stakeholders.